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1. The following information is available on the November 1953 status of the 47 airfields used by the Twenty-Fourth Air Army:

a. Airfields with runways of 3,500 meters

One airfield at Schorfheide; construction work on the runway is terminated; work at the field is scheduled to be completed in 1955.

b. Airfields with runways from 2,500 to 2,800 meters

Eight airfields: Brand; Drewitz, will probably be completed by late 1953; Jocksdorf, will probably be completed in 1954; Oranienburg, will be completed by late November 1953; Welzow; Werneuchen; and Zerbst.

c. Airfields with runways from 2,000 to 2,400 meters

Twenty airfields: Alt Loennowitz; Altenburg; Brandenburg-Briest; Brandis; Breitenhain, will probably be completed in 1953; Cottbus; Dessau; Erfurt-Bindersleben with runway covered with runway mats; Finow; Finsterwalde; Grossenhain; Justerbog Altes Lager; Laerz; Merseburg; Neubrandenburg; Neuruppin; Peenemuende; Puetnitz; Tutow, will probably be completed by mid-1954; and Wittstock.

d. Airfields with runways from 1,100 to 1,800 meters

Six airfields: Brandenburg-Arado; Koethen; Mockau near Leipzig, which is allegedly scheduled to be improved in 1954; Schoenefeld; Schoedwalde; and Staaken.

e. Airfields without runways: utilization of runway mats possible

Thirteen airfields: Bautzen with runway covered with runway mats, apparently not suitable for MiG-15s; Buchholz; Doeberitz; Dresden-Klotzsche; Kamenz where runway mats have been removed; Leipzig-Schkeuditz; Muhlwinkel;

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Rangsdorf; Reinsdorf; Retzow; Schoenhauser Damm, runway mats are stored at the field; Stendal; and Werder.

2. The headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is stationed in Werder. The air units, including 18 fighter regiments, 1 independent fighter regiment, 6 ground attack regiments, 1 reconnaissance regiment, and 2 transport regiments are stationed at the following 21 airfields:

18 Fighter Regiments: one regiment each at Altenburg, Neubrandenburg, Zerbst, Brand, Koethen, Merseburg, Neuruppin and Wittstock; two regiments each at Finow, Jueterbog Altes Lager, Laerz, Puetnitz, and Grossenhain.

1 Independent Regiment: Welzow

6 Ground Attack Regiments: one regiment each at Alt Loennowitz, Brandenburg-Arado, Brandenburg-Briest, Brandis, Finsterwalde, and Stendal.

1 Reconnaissance Regiment: Stendal

2 Transport Regiments: one each at Alt Loennowitz and Schoenefeld. The VPL units use the airfields at Bautzen, Cottbus, Drewitz and Kamenz. Of these airfields only Cottbus is provided with all facilities required.

3. The remaining 22 airfields which are not occupied at present can be used either as air bases or as emergency airfields. There are enough airfields available in East Germany to accommodate a new bomber corps if one should be returned to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Noteworthy is the fact that Schorfheide airfield is larger than any other airfield in East Germany. No information has been received so far on the utilization of this airfield.

Attachment: List of 47 airfields.

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<u>Airfield:</u>	<u>ALTENBURG</u>	<u>ALT LOENNEWITZ</u>	<u>BAUTZEN-LITTEN</u>
<u>Runways</u> :	1,80 x 2,200 meters	1, 60 x 2,100 meters	1, 35 ? x 2,300 meters
<u>Taxiways</u> :	1 at east side of runway	1 at north side of runway	1 at south side of runway
<u>Hangars</u> :	1	5 1 repair hangar	1 wooden hangar 1 or 2 under construction
<u>Revetments:</u>	under construction	18	
<u>Fuel Dumps:</u>	in Jagen 16 capacity unknown	semi underground east of hangars	2 in southwestern part of field, capacity approximately 40 cubic meters
<u>Ammunition Dump</u> :	in the southern part of the field	unknown	
<u>Navigation Facilities:</u>	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 inner low frequency beacon.	1 PKV-45 D/F station? 1 low frequency beacon; 1 fishnet; 1 kniferest.	
<u>Remarks</u> :	night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings	steel runway matting

<u>Airfield:</u>	<u>BRANDENBURG ARADO</u>	<u>BRANDENBURG BRIEST</u>	<u>BRAND (BRIESEN)</u>
<u>Runways</u> :	1, 60 x 1,400 meters	1, 80 x 2,375 meters 1, 80 x 2,260 meters	1,80 x 2,500 meters 25 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u> :	1, 12 meters wide, at north side of runway	south of runway	2,16 meters wide at north and south edge of runway
<u>Hangars</u> :	3	3 1 repair hangar	
<u>Revetments</u> :	about 33	20 to 30	32; 20 planned in northern part of field
<u>Fuel Dumps</u> :	semi underground at southwestern side of field	underground at southern edge of field	underground - in Jagen 72 2,000 cubic meters
<u>Ammunition Dump</u> :	at southwestern and southeastern side of field, on Neuendorferstr. between field and Havel river		1 kilometer south-southwest at intersection of railroad and road Brand-Kraussnick
<u>Navigation Facilities:</u>	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 single mast radio sta- tion; 1 inner low fre- quency beacon.	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 kniferest? 1 fishnet?	1 PKV-45 D/F station? 1 inner low frequency beacon? 2 radio shops at each side on. extension of runway
<u>Remarks</u> :	night landing and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings

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<u>Airfield:</u>	<u>BRANDIS</u>	<u>BREMENHAIN</u>	<u>BUCHHOLZ</u>
<u>Runways:</u>	1,80 x 2,000 meters	1,80 x 2,500 meters 25 - 30 centimeters thick	
<u>Taxiways:</u>	1 at north side of runway	under construction, prob- ably east of runway	
<u>Hangars:</u>	2; 1 repair hangar		
<u>Revetments:</u>	12		

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BRANDISBREMENHAINBUCHHOLZ

Fuel Dumps : ? - in northern part of field  
underground - at north-eastern part of field  
about 500 cubic meters(?)

Ammunition Dump : probably southeast of installations

Navigation Facilities : 1 PKV-45 D/F station;  
1 Rus-2 ?  
2 single mast radio stations,

Remarks : night and bad weather landings  
construction work not yet completed  
the sodded field covers 500 x 2,800 meters; no installations - emergency landing field, construction completed

Airfield : COTTBUSDESSAUDOEBERITZ

Runways : 1,80 x 2,200 meters  
1,50 x 2,250 meters  
20 centimeters thick

Taxiways : 1 - north of runway  
1 - south of runway

Hangars : 7; 1 repair hangar  
5; 1 repair hangar

Revetments :  
about 30 completed  
about 28

Fuel Dumps : in northern part of field; about 500 cubic meters  
underground-semiunderground; southwest of field  
250 cubic meters  
underground- above ground at north, south, and northwest edge of field - 750 cubic meters

Ammunition Dump : underground - in northern part of field  
southwest of field  
northeast of field

Navigation Facilities :  
1 single mast radio station ?

Remarks : night and bad weather landing  
not occupied  
temporarily unoccupied

Airfield : DREWITZDRESDEN KLOTZSCHEERFURT BINDERSLEBEN

Runways : 1,80 x 2,500 meters  
30 centimeters thick  
no runway; landing field  
about 1,000 x 1,000 meters  
1,50 x 2,000 with runway matting

Taxiways : 1 - at southern side of runway

Hangars : 2 under construction  
4; 1 repair hangar

Revetments : about 20, some still under construction  
about 10; more under construction

Fuel Dumps : planned  
underground - at railroad connection in northwestern part of field  
? - at southern edge of field

Ammunition Dump :  
?

Navigation Facilities :  
1 PKV-45 D/F station?  
1 PKV-45 D/F station;  
1 low frequency beacon;  
1 fishnet; 1 knifertest

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	<u>DREWITZ</u>	<u>DRESDEN KLOTZSCHE</u>	<u>ERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN</u>
<u>Remarks</u>	: allegedly steel matting cover on taxiway construction work not yet completed	: night and bad weather landings	: the kniferest, the fishnet and the low frequency beacon were probably temporarily erected during the maneuvers in early October 1953
<u>Airfield</u>	: <u>FINOW</u>	: <u>FINSTERWALDE</u>	: <u>GROSSENHAIN</u>
<u>Runways</u>	: 1, 65 x 2,000 meters	: 1, 65 x 2,000 meters	: 1, 60 x 2,200 meters 1, 60 x 1,800 meters both 35 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	: 1 - at northern side of runway	: 1 - at southern side of runway	: 1 - at southern side of runway
<u>Hangars</u>	: 3 sheds	: 5; 1 repair hangar	: 9; 1 repair hangar
<u>Revetments</u>	: about 30		: about 36
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	: semi underground in northeastern part of field	: in southeastern and in northern corner of field 2,000 cubic meters	: semi underground at end of railroad connection, 500 cubic meters
<u>Ammunition Dump</u>	: in northeastern corner of field	: in cantonment in northern part of field	
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	: 1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 dumbo set; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 token; 1 Rus-2 1 fishnet; 1 kniferest	: 1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 token; 1 kniferest	: 1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 token; 1 kniferest
<u>Remarks</u>	: night and bad weather landings	: night and bad weather landings	: night and bad weather landings
<u>Airfield</u>	: <u>JUETERBOG A/L</u>	: <u>JOCKSDORF</u>	: <u>KAMENZ</u>
<u>Runways</u>	: 1,60 x 2,200 meters 15 centimeters thick	: 1,80 x 2,750 meters	: ?
<u>Taxiways</u>	: 1 - 30 meters wide, at northern side of runway	: ?	
<u>Hangars</u>	: 6; 1 repair hangar	: 1 under construction	: 2
<u>Revetments</u>	: 17, more under construction	: planned	
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	: semi underground -south-east of railroad connection; ? north of field; underground-near Maltershausen	: ?	: ?
<u>Ammunition Dump</u>	: north of middle part of taxiway	: ?	
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	: 2 PKV-45 D/F stations; 2 low frequency beacons		
<u>Remarks</u>	: night and bad weather landings	: construction not yet completed	: the steel matting runway was dismantled

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<u>Airfield</u>	:	<u>KOETHEN</u>	<u>LAERZ</u>	<u>LEIPZIG-SCHKEUDITZ</u>
<u>Runways</u>	:	1, 60 x 1,800 meters	1, 60 x 2,380 meters 1, 60 x 1,800 meters	
<u>Taxiways</u>	:	1 - at northern side of runway	1 - 20 meters wide, at southern side of runway	
<u>Hangars</u>	:	3	3 sheds	
<u>Revetments</u>	:	about 30	about 50	
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	:	semi underground - northeast of railroad connection	semi underground - at southeastern edge of field; ? in the woods	
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	:	southeast of field	near Rechlin church	
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	:	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 low frequency beacon; 1 fishnet; 1 kniferest; 1 dumbo ?	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 dumbo; 1 kniferest; 1 fishnet	25X1
<u>Remarks</u>	:	night and bad weather landing	night and bad weather landings	unoccupied airfield [redacted]

<u>Airfield</u>	:	<u>LEIPZIG-MOCKAU</u>	<u>MAHLWINKEL</u>	<u>MERSEBURG</u>
<u>Runways</u>	:	1, 1,000 meters long		1, 60 x 2,100 meters 20 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	:	short taxiway in eastern part of field		1 - 14 meters wide, at southern side of runway
<u>Hangars</u>	:			2; 1 repair hangar
<u>Revetments</u>	:			under construction
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	:			underground -- 250 meters west of hangars
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	:			southeast of field
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	:			1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 low frequency beacon; 1 token; 1 kniferest; 1 fishnet; 1 dumbo set?
<u>Remarks</u>	:	field is occupied only during the Leipzig Fair	airfield, about 650 x 2,800 meters, has no installation, sodded surface, take-off-run about 1,700 meters long	night and bad weather landings

<u>Airfield</u>	:	<u>NEUBRANDENBURG</u>	<u>NEURUPPIN</u>	<u>ORANIENBURG</u>
<u>Runways</u>	:	1, 70 x 2,000 meters 15 centimeters thick	1, 60 x 2,000 meters 30 centimeters thick	1, 50 x 2,560 meters 30 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	:	1 - 16 meters wide, at southern side of runway	1 - 16 meters wide, at southern side of runway	1 - at eastern side of runway
<u>Hangars</u>	:	2; 1 repair hangar	2	1

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	<u>NEUBRANDENBURG</u>	<u>NEURUPPIN</u>	<u>ORANIENBURG</u>
<u>Revetments</u>	: 15	33	24
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	: semi underground - southwest of installations	underground and semi-underground-in south-southeastern part of field	northeast of field, 1,000 cubic meters, still under construction
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	: southwest of field	at northern edge of field	?
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	: 1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 inner low frequency beacon; 1 kniferest; 1 fishnet	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 kniferest; 1 fishnet	
<u>Remarks</u>	: night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings	construction work probably completed; night and bad weather landings
<u>Airfield</u>	: <u>PARCHIM</u>	<u>PEENEMUENDE</u>	<u>PUEHNITZ</u>
<u>Runways</u>	: 1, 80 x 2,550 meters 30 centimeters thick	1, 2,000 meters long 1, 1,000 meters long	1, 60 x 2,010 meters 20 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	: 1 - 18 meters wide and 20 centimeters thick, north of runway	?	1 - 15 meters wide, at northern side of runway
<u>Hangers</u>	: 4		4; 1 repair hangar
<u>Revetments</u>	: 12	more than 18	about 10
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	: southeast of field about 1,000 cubic meters	semi underground - in the woods southeast of field	underground and semi underground - northwest and northeast of field
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	: ?	?	
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>		1 dumbo set	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 1 Rus-2; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 token; 1 SCR-584 (Whiff)
<u>Remarks</u>	: construction work probably completed; night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings; observation of radio installations probably incomplete	night and bad weather landings
<u>Airfield</u>	: <u>RANGSDORF</u>	<u>REINSORF</u>	<u>RETZOW</u>
<u>Runways</u>	: no runway landing field 1,000 x 1,300 meters	no runway, landing field about 900 x 1,200 meters	
<u>Taxiways</u>	:		
<u>Hangers</u>	: 2; 2 repair hangars		
<u>Revetments</u>	:		
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	: ? at northeastern corner of field	in the woods southwest of field	
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	:	in the woods southwest of field	

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RANGSDORFREINSORFRETZOW

<u>Remarks</u> :			emergency landing field, 750 x 2,800 meters, without installations, sodded surface
<u>Airfield</u> :	<u>SCHOENWALDE</u>	<u>SCHOENEFELD</u>	<u>SCHORFHEIDE</u> (VIETMAUS DORF)
<u>Runways</u> :	1, 60 x 1,100 meters	1,60 x 2,000 meters	1, 80 x 3,500 meters 40 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u> :	1 - from northeastern end of runway to con- crete apron in front of hangars	18 meters wide, at either side of runway	1 - 21 meters wide, and 40 centimeters thick, at southern side of runway
<u>Hangars</u> :	5	1; 1 repair hangar	
<u>Revetments</u> :			planned
<u>Fuel Dumps</u> :	exact location unknown	underground, south of the installation, at the end of the railroad connec- tion 500 cubic meters	3 - in Jagen 175,161 and 162
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u> :			west-southwest of Grunewald
<u>Navigation Facilities</u> :	1 Rus-2; 1 inner low frequency beacon	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; approach line illumination	
<u>Remarks</u> :		night and bad weather landings	field still under construc- tion, taxiway north of run- way planned in 1954

Airfield : SCHOENHAUSER DAMMSTAAKENSTENDAL

<u>Runways</u> :		1, 50 x 1,250 meters 1, 50 x 1,000 meters	
<u>Taxiways</u> :		annular taxiway	
<u>Hangars</u> :		3; 1 repair hangar	3
<u>Revetments</u> :		?	40
<u>Fuel Dumps</u> :		underground and semi- underground, at northern and southern edge of field and south of hangar one	? in the woods north of hangars at the southern edge of field
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u> :		in the northeastern cor- ner of the field	in the woods northwest of hangars
<u>Navigation Facilities</u> :		1 PKV-45 D/F station	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons
<u>Remarks</u> :	emergency landing field with sodded surface 1,000 x 2,500 meters. Runway matting stored at the field	night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings

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<u>Airfield</u>	:	<u>TUTOW</u>	<u>WITTSTOCK</u>	<u>WELZOW</u>
<u>Runways</u>	:	1, 60 x 2,200 meters 20 centimeters thick	1, 80 x 2,000 meters	1, 80 x 2,500 meters 25 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	:	planned	1 - at southern side of runway	1 each - at east and west side of runway, width 20 meters
<u>Hangars</u>	:	3 planned	2; 1 repair hangar	
<u>Revetments</u>	:	62 planned	about 15	about 35
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	:	?	located in the southeast- ern part of the field, east of hangars	underground - southeast of installations, 1,350 cubic meters
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	:	?	?	?
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	:		1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 dumbo; 1 fishnet; 1 kniferest	1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 AA No4 MK (V)
<u>Remarks</u>	:	under construction	night and bad weather landings	night and bad weather landings

  

<u>Airfield</u>	:	<u>WERNEUCHEN</u>	<u>ZERBST</u>
<u>Runways</u>	:	1, 80 x 2,500 meters 25 centimeters thick	1, 60 x 2,500 meters 30 centimeters thick
<u>Taxiways</u>	:	1 each - 16 meters wide, north and south of runway	1 - 14 meters wide, northwest of runway
<u>Hangars</u>	:	6; 1 repair hangar	3; 1 repair hangar
<u>Revetments</u>	:	32	about 40
<u>Fuel Dumps</u>	:	underground - north and south of field, 2,000 cubic meters	underground - semiunderground, north of hangars
<u>Ammunition Dumps</u>	:	northeast of field	?
<u>Navigation Facilities</u>	:		1 PKV-45 D/F station; 2 low frequency beacons; 1 dumbo; 1 fishnet ? 1 kniferest ?
<u>Remarks</u>	:	temporarily unoccupied	night and bad weather landings

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